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### 1. SECRETARY'S MINN. SPEECH

BERGER (WP) REPORTS SECSTATE, IN MINNEAPOLIS SPEECH TUES, AMONG OTHER TOPICS, DEFENDED SUPPORT FOR AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES AGAINST CRITICS WHO CALL US FOREIGN POLICY EXCESSIVELY PRAGMATIC, INSENSITIVE TO MORAL VALUES. APPEARED TRYING EXPLAIN AWAY US FAILURE MITIGATE REPRESSIVE PRACTICES OF SK'S PARK, AND BEFORE THAT SVN'S THIEU, BY SAYING THAT IN MANY COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN ASIA, PROCESS OF US DISENGAGEMENT HAS ERODED SENSE OF SECURITY AND CREATED NEED FOR GREATER INTERNAL DISCIPLINE. IN REPLY TO HECKLER QUESTION CONCERNING US-CAMBODIAN DIP RELS, HAK UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID NEW KHMER REGIME ENGAGED IN "ONE OF THE MOST BARBARIC PRACTICES THAT WE HAVE SEEN" IN FORCING CITY-DWELLERS INTO COUNTRYSIDE WHERE "THOUSANDS, PROBABLY TENS OF THOUSANDS" WILL DIE OF STARVATION, DISEASE. ADDED THAT

CAMBODIAN GOVT HAS REFUSED ESTABLISH DIP RELS WITH ALL COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SO FAR MADE OFFER (REUTER, GLOBE).

FORMER GKR PRES CHENG HENG MET BRIEFLY WITH SECSTATE AT MILWAUKEE DINNER MON MIGHT AT WHICH HAK SPOKE (NYT).

## 2. INDOCHINA

SVN'S PRG APPLIES FOR UN MEMBERSHIP; GA APPROVAL EXPECTED IF APPLICATION NOT VETOED IN SC. NVN ALSO EXPECTED SEEK UN MEMBERSHIP (WSJ; CSM). ELECTION TO UN REQUIRES MAJORITY GA VOTE UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SC (NYDN), WHERE US HAS NOT MADE POSITION CLEAR. FORMER SVN REGIME HAD OBSERVER STATUS (UPI, CHITRIB). US UNDERSTOOD WANTING SEE SK JOIN IF SVN DOES. SVN APPLICATION INDICATES MERGER WITH NVN NOT IMMINENT (WP).

NVN NEWS AGENCY RELEASES MAJOR ARTICLE ARGUING CASE FOR SINGLE VN, IN WHAT COULD BE CAMPAIGN TO MOVE TOWARD REUNIFICATION. PIECE BELIEVED REFLECTING OFFICIAL HANOI LINE, SAYS PROCESS WOULD BE ARDUOUS (WP). NVN PRESS AGENCY SAYS "ALMOST ALL" S VIETS WANT JOIN NVN, HISTORIC TIES OUTWEIGH DIFFERENCES. ARTICLE GIVES NO TIMETABLE, STATES PEOPLE WILL NOT HESITATE ADOPT LOWER LIVING STANDARD MORE IN CONFORMITY WITH NATL REALITIES. ADDS WAR WAS WON THROUGH POPULAR UPRISING THAT WESTERN JOURNALISTS DID NOT SEE BECAUSE OF "VIOLENT POLICE TERROR" (BUTTERFIELD, NYT).

SAIGON RADIO SAYS 140,000 HAVE DEPARTED SAIGON, DANANG, TO START NEW LIFE ON LAND (WP). IN BUSTLING DELTA TOWN OF MYTHO, PRG FLAGS FLY EVERYWHERE, BUT APPEARS LITTLE CHANGED FROM LAST APRIL. INFO CHIEF SAYS "OBSTINATE ELEMENTS" OF FORMER REGIME ROUNDED UP WITH HELP LOCAL POPULATION (REUTER, WP).  
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SAIGON ANNOUNCES ARREST 4 MORE ANTI-GOVT AGENTS IN PUBLICIZED CRACKDOWN ON OPPONENTS (UPI, NYDN; WP). ADDS FORMER LIEUTENANT SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR PLANNING FIGHT NEW GOVT (UPI, NYDN). REFUGEE AT PENDLETON REPORTS SUICIDES OF DOZENS FORMER GVN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THIEU COUSIN, IV CORPS CMDR, EX-FONMIN (REUTER, CHITRIB).

FOUR NATIONS JOIN US TO BOLSTER SHAKY KIP IN FEOF SIGNING CEREMONY AT MFA VIENTIANE. US ALREADY GAVE 5 MILLION DOLS THIS YEAR; SIGNED NOT TO PLEDGE MORE, BUT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT HAD BEEN GIVEN. AUSTRALIA, UK, JAPAN, FRANCE TO GIVE TOTAL 6.6 MILLION DOLS.

FUTURE US AID TO LAOS UNDER REVIEW AT WASHINGTON  
IN WAKE RECENT ANTI-US INCIDENTS (AP NYT, CHITRIB; WP).  
AT CEREMONY, JAPANESE AMB CONFIRMED 10 JAPANESE  
VOLUNTEER WORKERS BEING WITHDRAWN FROM SAVANNAKHET

BECAUSE OF LOCAL PRESSURE (, NYT).

PL TROOPS OPENED FIRE ON GROUP YOUNG PEOPLE AT THAKEK  
ON JULY 2, KILLING OR WOUNDING OVER 10 (AFP, WP).

WORLD COUNCIL CHURCHES REPORTS EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR  
1 MILLION DOLS FOR INDOCHINA RELIEF OVERSUBSCRIBED  
BY 200,000 DOLS (UPI, NYT).

ABSENCE OF WARNING TO MAYAGUEZ CITED, THOUGH US AGENCIES  
INFORMED PANANIAN SHIP STOPPED BY CAMBODIANS EARLIER  
(MORISON, JOC).

### 3. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

FORMER LT GEN QUANG, ORDERED DEPORTED FROM CANADA,  
INFORMALLY ASKS PERMISSION LIVE IN US. MATTER UNDER  
CONSIDERATION ACCORDING DOS SPOKESMAN (SCOTT, WP;  
BRADSHER, WSTAR 7/15). US IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AT  
POINTS OF ENTRY ORDERED REFUSE QUANG ADMISSION WHILE  
DOS PONDERES CASE (BRADSHER).

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REFUGEES AT PENDLETON SAY PRO-COMMUNIST VIET STUDENTS  
TRYING FRIGHTEN THEM INTO RETURNING BY SAYING AMERICANS  
WILL BEAT, STARVE, EXPLOIT THEM (WP); 262 REFUGEES,  
THIRD GROUP THAT DECIDED RETURN SVN, WILL BE FLOWN  
FROM PENDLETON TO GUAM TO JOIN HUNDREDS OTHERS AWAITING  
FINAL PRG ACCEPTANCE (UPI, NYT).

ICEM REP INTERVIEWS CHAFFEE REFUGEES SEEKING TECHNICIANS  
FOR SEVERAL SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES (AP, NYT). GROUP  
OF 70 REFUGEES WILL START NEW LIVES IN BRAZIL,  
ARGENTINA, AS FIRST IN NEW PROGRAM SENDING SEA REFUGEES  
TO LATIN AMERICA (UPI, NYT).

CHITRIB'S KLEIMAN TELLS STORY OF REFUGEE FAMILY THAT  
SETTLED IN CHICAGO, SEEMS ADAPTING WELL. FAMILY  
CONCERNED ABOUT 17,000 OTHER REFUGEES AT INDIANTOWN  
GAP WHO AWAIT SPONSORS.

### 4. CHINA

CIA'S PRC EXPERTS SAY PEKING CUTTING BACK MILITARY EXPEND-  
ITURES OVER LAST 3 YRS; CITE 25 PCT REDUCTION SINCE 1971.  
AGENCY BELIEVES ATTEMPTED LIN PIAO COUP, DECREASED JET

MANUFACTURE KEY FACTORS IN REDUCING ARMS SPENDING (NYT).  
SCHMIDT (CSM) REPORTS SAME FACTS, THOUGH ATTRIBUTES  
STUDY TO CONGRESS' JOINT ECON COMM; NO DESCRIPTION ACTUAL  
AUTHORS AS CIA EMPLOYEES.

STUDY ALSO SHOWS PRC INDUSTRY BESET WITH PROBLEMS, DESPITE  
OIL EXPORTS DOUBLING THIS YR. ECOMM PREDICTS PRC WON'T  
PERMIT FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT.  
ONLY MODERATE ECON GROWTH EXPECTED; COUNTRY MAY SUFFER  
"INTENSE POLITICAL CONFLICT" BY 2000, AND WILL ALSO LACK  
"INDUSTRIAL PARITY" WITH LEADING WESTERN NATIONS (LAWRENCE,  
JOC; WSJ).

PRC ACCUSED SOVIETS 7/14 OF USING EUR SEC CONF IN ORDER  
FURTHER STRATEGY AIM: EUROPEAN DOMINATION WHILE PRE-  
TENDING SEEK DETENTE (CSM).

POTTERY MEASURES EXCAVATED IN KIRIN PROVINCE PROVE CHIN  
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DYNASTY (221-207 BC) HAD STANDARDIZED WEIGHTS/MEASURES  
(AP WP).

US CONSERVATIONIST SAYS PRC TAKING MAJOR STEPS TO PROTECT  
ENDANGERED WILDLIFE, ESPECIALLY PANDAS. PEKING SYSTEM-  
ATICALLY PLANNING WILDLIFE REFUGE NETWORK, DECLARING PRO-  
TECTED STATUS FOR MINIMUM 32 SPECIES (LAT 7/13).

##### 5. JAPAN

KYODO NEWS SERVICE REPORTED TUESDAY GOJ ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED JAPAN GIVE US THREE MILLION  
DOL THEATER ON TOP FLOOR KENNEDY CENTER, CHERRY  
BLOSSOM PARK SOMEWHERE ON WEST COAST AS BICENTENNIAL  
GIFTS. MUST BE APPROVED BY PM MIKI (UPI, NYT,  
PHINQ, NYDN). WSTAR (7/15) CITES EMBASSY JAPAN  
SPOKESMAN CONFIRMING GIFTS UNDER STUDY. JEAN WHITE  
(WP) SAYS GIFT WOULD ALLOW COMPLETION OF SMALL-SCALE  
EXPERIMENTAL THEATER PROJECTED IN ORIGINAL DESIGN  
OF KENNEDY CENTER.

ALERT EMPLOYEE AT PUBLIC HALL IN TOKYO TUESDAY  
DETECTED TIME BOMB SHORTLY BEFORE MEETING SCHEDULED  
BY 500 MEMBERS OF RADICAL MARXIST KAKUMARU FACTION.  
REMOVED WITHOUT CASUALTIES. POLICE SAY PROBABLY  
PLANTED BY RIVAL EXTREMIST GROUP (AP, WP).

GOM TUESDAY SUBMITTED TEN MILLION DOL DAMAGE CLAIM  
TO OWNERS OF JAPANESE TANKER SHOWA-MARU FOR OIL  
SPILL IN MALACCA STRAIT EARLIER THIS YEAR, ACCORDING  
SPOKESMAN. SAID WOULD TAKE THREE YEARS FOR MARINE  
LIFE TO RETURN TO NORMAL (UPI, KL).

MIN ED SPOKESMAN TUESDAY SAID 277 JR, SR HS STUDENTS  
COMMITTED SUICIDE DURING 1974-75 SCHOOL YEAR, COMPARED

341 YEAR BEFORE. DECLINE ATTRIBUTED BETTER GUIDANCE  
BY SCHOOL STAFFS (AP, WP, NYDN, PHINQ).

JAPAN'S FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID IN 1974 TOTALLED 2.9 BILLION  
DOLS, COMPARED 5.8 BILLION DOLS 1973, ACCORDING MITI  
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DATA. AID PERCENTAGE OF GNP DROPPED FROM 1.4 PERCENT  
1973 TO 0.5 PERCENT, MAINLY DUE STEEP DECLINE PRIVATE  
AID FLOWS. GOVT-TO-GOVT AID ROSE FROM ONE TO 1.1 BILLION  
DOLS BUT DIRECT PRIVATE INVESTMENT, EXPORT CREDITS  
DROPPED FROM 3.6 BILLION DOLS TO 1.04 BILLION DOLS,  
DOWN 71 PERCENT (JOC, TOKYO).

JAPANESE YOUTH PREFERENCE FOR PARIS FASHION LEADS JUN  
ASHIDA TO MANUFACTURE HIS DESIGNS IN PARIS, IMPORT  
INTO JAPAN WITH "MADE IN PARIS LABEL" (AP, CSM).

HIROSHIMA GLASS SAYS WILL SOON CLOSE ONE OF TWO PLANTS,  
DISMISS 315 WORKERS (40 PERCENT OF FORCE) DUE LAGGING  
DEMAND; ANNUAL SALES 27 MIL DOLS (WSJ, TOKYO).

#### 6. KOREA

SECSTATE SAID DURING Q AND A AFTER SPEECH TO UPPER  
MIDWEST COUNCIL IN MINNEAPOLIS TUESDAY THAT WE  
MUST PREVENT OUTBREAK OF WAR IN KOREA, CREATE  
CONDITIONS IN WHICH TWO GOVTS CAN RESUME PROCESS  
OF NEGOTIATIONS THEY STARTED FEW YEARS AGO. BUT  
DID NOT SEE SOLUTION IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

DOD WEDNESDAY SAID SECDEF PLANS VISIT SK, JAPAN  
LATE AUGUST. WILL ATTEND 8TH ANNUAL US-ROK SCM  
SEOUL AUG 26-27; CONSULT JDA, OTHER GOJ OFFICIALS  
FOLLOWING TWO DAYS (REUTER, WASHINGTON).

GEN STILWELL WEDNESDAY TOLD PRIVATE KOREAN-AMERICAN  
ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMITTEE IF AGGRESSION EVER  
RENEWED BY NK "WE WILL DEFEAT THE AGGRESSION RIGHT  
AT THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE." SEEN AS SUPPORT OF  
PRES PARK, WHO STATED INTENTION PREVENT NK FROM TAKING  
SEOUL IN EVENT OF WAR (REUTER, SEOUL).

NYT (SPECIAL) NOTES ADVERTISERS SEEM TO BE ENDING  
SEVEN-MONTH BOYCOTT OF DONG-A ILBO. CITE MANAGEMENT  
SOURCES THAT BUSINESS FIRMS NOW WILLING RESUME  
ADVERTISING BECAUSE PAPER, RADIO AFFILIATE HAVE  
RETURNED TO "FOLD OF NATIONAL UNITY."

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7. MALAYSIA

MALAYSIA FORMALLY SUBMITS 10 MIL DOL DAMAGE CLAIM TO OWNERS JAPANESE SHIP SHOWA MARU, AFTER TANKER CAUSED MALACCA STRAIT OIL SPILL EARLY THIS YR (JOC).

8. AUSTRALIA

SWEENEY (WP) REPORTS CONSTITUTIONAL TEST MAY ARISE OVER PM WHITLAM'S REFUSAL ALLOW CIVIL SERVANT TESTIMONY AT SPECIAL SENATE HEARING CONCERNING LOAN DEALS AFFAIR. PM WARNED CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES WOULD BE UNDERMINED SHOULD CIVIL SERVICE MEMBERS BE FORCED INTO PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONFIDENTIAL POLICY MATTERS.

FRENCH ATOMIC COMMISSARIAT PLANS SET UP URANIUM INSTITUTE OF EXISTING AND POTENTIAL PRODUCERS IN AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRANCE, UK, AND S AFRICA (NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. CHINA

O'NEILL (NYDN) SAYS RELIGION, TOLERATED BUT DISCOURAGED IN PRC, GRADUALLY YIELDING TO MAO CULT. NOTES PEKING CHURCH, ONCE PART OF FLOURISHING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, NOW "RELIC" TOLERATED ONLY BECAUSE IT SUPPORTS GOVT'S CLAIM OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. RELIGION ATTACKED BECAUSE RECOGNIZES HIGHER POWER THAN MAO OR CCP. WHILE OLDER CHINESE STILL PRACTICE ANCIENT RITUALS, YOUTH TURNING TOWARD MAO.

10. JAPAN

JAMESON (LAT 7/13) NOTES DAISAKU IKEDA, LEADER OF 11-MILLION MEMBER BUDDHIST LAY GROUP KOKA GAKKAI, STUNNED POLITICAL WORLD BY PRAISING MARXISM AS A PHILOSOPHY, COMMENDING JCP AND ITS CHAIRMAN, DECLARING RELIGION, COMMUNISM CAN COEXIST. IN YOMIURI INTERVIEW FRIDAY IKEDA DECLARED SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM A HUMANISTIC PHILOSOPHY AIMED AT LIBERATING THE MASSES; TOLD ASAHI UNCLASSIFIED

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SATURDAY WOULD SOON MEET WITH JCP CHAIRMAN MIYAMOTO. YOMIURI REPORTED TWO MEN MET SECRETLY ONCE LATE LAST YEAR. JAMESON SAYS REMARKS REPRESENT ABOUT-FACE FROM PREVIOUS STANCE OF FIERCE OPPOSITION TO COMMUNISM, EXPECTED SHATTER IMAGE OF SOKA GAKKAI AND ITS POLITICAL ARM KOMEI PARTY AS FORTRESS AGAINST COMMUNIST GAINS

AMONG POORER SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY, AND GIVE JCP SHOT IN ARM.

11. KOREA

CONGRESSMAN ALONZO BELL IN LETTER TO LAT (7/14) STATES OUR ANALYSTS DISMISS OCCASIONAL THREATS OF WAR BY NK, MILITARY BALANCE CLEARLY DOES NOT FAVOR NK, YET PARK CONTINUES EXPLOIT WAR FEAR TO CONTROL DOMESTIC ENEMIES. SUPPORTS US TROOP PRESENCE, BUT DECLARES REAL ISSUE IS WHETHER US "SHOULD UNDERTAKE MORE VIGOROUS DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES" TO DISCOURAGE POLITICAL REPRESSION IMPOSED ON PEOPLE BY PARK. UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WE MAY GET BY WITH PRETENSE OF BEING UNAWARE OF UNDEMOCRATIC, OFTEN BRUTAL LEADERSHIP OF PRESENT SK LEADERS, BUT WARNS IF WE FAIL TO DISCHARGE OUR GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO RESTORE BASIC POLITICAL RIGHTS TO SKOREAN PEOPLE ANY FUTURE FIGHTING MIGHT EVAPORATE EVEN MORE QUICKLY THAN DID IN SEA.

SOUTHERLAND (CSM) IN SEOUL NOTES EVEN PRAYER MEETINGS DO NOT ESCAPE KCIA NOTICE. SAYS LARGE CHRISTIAN PRAYER FELLOWSHIP GROUP WHICH MET OPENLY AT FIRST NOW FORCED DISPERSE INTO SMALL GROUPS WHICH MEET SECRETLY. SAYS PARTICIPANTS, WHEN DISCOVERED, ARE HAULED IN BY KCIA FOR NOW-FAMILIAR INTERROGATIONS. NOTES FOREIGN MISSION-ARIES URGING FRIENDS OVERSEAS ALSO HOLD REGULAR THURSDAY PRAYER MEETING TO "PRAY FOR THE RESTORATION OF JUSTICE AND FREEDOM IN KOREA", RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS.

OSWALD JOHNSTON (LAT 7/13) REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT OF "ALMOST HAIR-TRIGGER TENSION" IN NATIONAL SECURITY ESTABLISHMENT OVER POSSIBILITY KOREA MIGHT BE NEXT DOMINO AFTER FALL OF SVN. ALSO NOTES RELAXATION THAT FOLLOWED US DISPLAY OF "ABRASIVE EDGE" IN NEXT ENCOUNTER WHICH LUCKILY UNCLASSIFIED

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TURNED OUT TO BE WITH CAMBODIA OVER MAYAGUEZ. SAYS CONVENTIONAL WISDOM NOW IS THAT NK WOULD NOT ATTACK SK AFTER ALL. BY LAWS OF LOGIC SPECULATES STAGE SHOULD BE SET FOR DOD TO ACQUIESCE IN REMOVAL OF US 2D DIVISION TO MORE JUDICIOUS DEPLOYMENT SOUTH OF SEOUL, BUT BY LAWS OF BUREAUCRATIC EXPEDIENCY, INERTIA DOUBTS THIS WILL HAPPEN.

12. GENERAL

WSJ'S PEARLSTINE NOTES US BUSINESS PLANS NO RETREAT FROM ASIA DESPITE VN FALL; STILL SEEKS INVEST IN MANY OF AREA'S NATIONS, BUT WORRIES OVER THAILAND. SAYS BUSINESSMEN ENCOURAGED BY THAW IN US-PRC RELATIONS, WITH MANY BELIEVING PEKING WANTS INCREASED US TRADE. REPORTS SOME INVESTMENT PLANS INVOLVING THAILAND ALTERED AS ENTHUSIASM COOLS FOL-

LOWING INDOCHINA WAR END AND INTERNAL CHANGES. QUOTES  
CORPORATE EXECS THAT FEARS OF NK INVASION OF SK DIMINISHED

IN PAST WKS THOUGH SOME AFRAID INCREASED REPRESSION COULD  
BACKFIRE, AND SK MIGHT HAVE BORROWED TOO HEAVILY FROM  
ABROAD.

STATES MANY BUSINESSMEN THINK TAIWAN WILL CONTINUE HAVE  
HEALTHY ECONOMY; BELIEVE GUERRILLA TROUBLES WON'T MAKE  
MUCH DIFFERENCE IN MALAYSIA; THINK PHIL "WALKING IN-  
TELLIGENT ROAD" ON ACCOMMODATION WITH PRC THAT IS  
BOT ACCOMPANIED BY ANTI-US FEELING; DON'T EXPECT COM-  
MUNIST RESURGENCE IN INDONESIA, AND CONFIDENCE BEING  
RESTORED IN PERTAMINA; ASSUME HK, SINGAPORE WILL REMAIN  
CENTERS OF COMMERCE NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS ELSEWHERE;  
SEE NO INDICATION INDOCHINA FALL AFFECTED US BUSINESS  
RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, THOUGH COULD CHANGE IF WAR STARTED  
IN KOREA AND US DID NOT HONOR SK COMMITMENT. ADDS NO  
ONE EXPECTS EARLY RETURN TO INDOCHINA FOR US BUSINESS  
INTERESTS; JAPANESE, FRENCH HAVE MUCH BETTER CHANCE  
ESTABLISHING CLOSE TIES WITH HANOI, SAIGON, AND DOESN'T  
LOOK AS THOUGH ANYBODY WILL BE GETTING INTO CAMBODIA  
SOON. KISSINGER

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